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FOLLOWING ARE MY COMMENTS ON DRAFT MEMO CONTAINED REFTEL:

1. RE PL-480, LEGISLATION REQUIRES REVIEW ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS; THEREFORE THIS IS NOT ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION. RATHER, ISSUE SHOULD BE WHETHER THERE EXISTS PRESUMPTION FOR APPROVAL IN ALL BUT EXTRAORDINARY CASES. MEMO SHOULD POINT OUT THAT 75 0/0 OF TITLE I MUST GO TO POOR COUNTRIES AND, EXCEPT IN EGREGIOUS CASES, E.G. UGANDA, FOOD SHIPMENTS BENEFIT NEEDY PEOPLE. 25 0/0 CATEGORY ARE HIGH FOREIGN POLICY INTEREST CASES AND WHILE SOME MAY BE GROSS VIOLATORS, SHIPMENTS DO BENEFIT PEOPLE DIRECTLY.

2. I CONCUR IN SECTION ON CCC. HOWEVER, I QUESTION WHETHER INTEREST RATES ARE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS THAN THOSE NORMALLY OBTAINED FROM COMMERCIAL LENDERS. ADVANTAGE OF CCC OVER COMMERCIAL BORROWING IS REPAYMENT PERIOD RATHER THAN CONFIDENTIAL

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INTEREST RATE, BUT AS MEMO CORRECTLY POINTS OUT, CCC TERMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM COMPETITIVE EXPORTING NATIONS. SORENSON

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